

rail, it did not address rail sold according to nominal terms. Consequently, following clarification of the scope language and in accordance with 353.29(a) and (i)(1)(1996) of the Department's regulations, we conducted a scope inquiry to determine whether *nominal* 60 pounds per yard new steel rail was within the scope of these orders (emphasis added). Upon issuing a preliminary scope determination and not receiving comments from interested parties, on June 19, 1998, the Department issued a final scope determination finding nominal 60 pounds per yard steel rail outside of the scope of these orders. See, *New Steel Rail, Except Light Rail from Canada; Final Scope Determination on Steel Rail Model 60 ASCE/ASTM A1-92*.

Scope of Review

The product covered by the antidumping and countervailing duty orders is new steel rail, whether of carbon, high carbon, alloy or other quality steel, and includes, but is not limited to, standard rails, all main line sections (of more than 30 kg. per meter or 60 pounds per yard), heat-treated or head-hardened (premium) rails, transit rails, contact rail (or "third rail") and crane rails. Rails are used by the railroad industry, by rapid transit lines, by subways, in mines and in industrial applications. Specifically excluded from the antidumping and countervailing duty orders are light rail (rails which are 30 kg. per meter or 60 pounds per yard or less). Also excluded are relay rails which are used rails taken up from primary railroad track and relaid in a railroad yard or on a secondary track. The product covered by these antidumping and countervailing duty orders is currently provided for under the following Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS) subheadings: 7302.10.1020, 7302.10.40, 7302.10.5000 and 8548.00.0000. Prior to January 1, 1989, such merchandise was classifiable under items 610.2010, 610.2025, 610.2100 and 688.4280 of the Tariff Schedules of the United States Annotated (TSUSA). The HTS and TSUSA numbers are provided for convenience and Customs purposes. The written description of the scope of these orders remains dispositive.

Termination of Changed Circumstances Reviews

Because nominal 60 pounds per yard steel rail is not within the scope of these orders, there are no grounds upon which to conduct changed circumstances reviews with respect to this size rail. Accordingly, the Department is now terminating these

antidumping and countervailing duty changed circumstances reviews.

The Department will instruct the U.S. Customs Service (Customs) to continue to suspend entries of subject merchandise at the appropriate cash deposit rate for all entries of new steel rail from Canada, except light rail.

This notice also serves as a reminder to parties subject to administrative protection orders (APOs) of their responsibility concerning the disposition of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 353.34(d) and 355.34(d). Timely written notification of the return/destruction of APO materials or conversion to judicial protective order is hereby requested. Failure to comply with the regulations and terms of an APO is a sanctionable violation.

This notice of termination of changed circumstances reviews is in accordance with sections 751(b) and (d) and 782(h) of the Act and sections 353.22(f), 353.25(d), 355.22(h), and 355.25(d) of the Department's regulations.

Dated: August 3, 1998.

Robert S. LaRussa,

Assistant Secretary, Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-588-807]

Industrial Belts and Components and Parts Thereof, Whether Cured or Uncured, from Japan: Recission of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of Recission of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review.

SUMMARY: On July 28, 1998, the Department of Commerce initiated an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on industrial belts and components and parts thereof, whether cured or uncured, from Japan for NOK Corporation, a manufacturer of industrial belts. This administrative review was requested by NOK Corporation and is for the period June 1, 1997, through May 31, 1998. The Department is rescinding this review after timely receiving from NOK Corporation, a withdrawal of its request for review.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 12, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ron Trentham or Wendy Frankel, Office of AD/CVD Enforcement, Office 4, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-4793 and (202) 482-5849, respectively.

Background

On June 30, 1998, NOK Corporation (NOK), requested that the Department conduct an administrative review of the subject merchandise it exported from Japan for the period June 1, 1997, through May 31, 1998.

On July 28, 1998, the Department published in the **Federal Register** (63 FR 40258) a notice of initiation of administrative review with respect to NOK for the period June 1, 1997, through May 31, 1998. On July 28, 1998, NOK requested that it be allowed to withdraw its request for a review and that the review be terminated.

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.213(d)(1)(1998), the Department may allow a party that requests an administrative review to withdraw such request within 90 days of the date of publication of the notice of initiation of the requested review. Because NOK's request for termination was submitted within the 90-day time limit, and there were no requests for review from other interested parties, we are rescinding this review. We will issue appropriate appraisement instructions directly to the U.S. Customs Service.

This notice is in accordance with section 777(i) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended and 19 CFR 351.213(d)(4)(1998).

Dated: August 6, 1998.

Maria Harris Tildon,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Notice of Extension of Time Limit for Antidumping Duty Administrative Review of Certain Welded Carbon Steel Pipes and Tubes from Thailand

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 12, 1998.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (the Department) is extending the time